

<u>For Immediate Release</u> <u>Monday June 6, 2016</u>

Team Framingham 2016 Concluding A Very Successful Program

Assistant Town Manager Jim Duane and Former Selectman Michael Bower today announced that the 22 Team Framingham 2016 runners are concluding a very successful 2016 program with fundraising set to wrap up by June 30th. All 22 team runners successfully completed the Boston Marathon on Monday April 18, 2016.

The three guiding principles for allocating the 22 invitational entries provided by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) to the Town of Framingham and distributed through the Team Framingham program are as follows:

- Provide benefit to Framingham residents and town employees
- Raise funds for various local charitable organizations
- Establish a dynamic training program for the team runners

The 2016 Team Framingham program excelled in executing on each of the three guiding principles.

Benefit to Framingham Residents and Town Employees:

During October and November 2015, Team Framingham administration actively encouraged local runners to apply for the random selection that was held on December 7, 2015.

84 town residents and/or town employees applied for the random selection. This was the highest number of applicants in the three years of the program.

<u>The application process for Team Framingham 2017 will open on Monday October 3, 2016 and close on Monday November 28, 2016.</u> The random selection for the team will be held on Monday December 5, 2016.

Fundraising for Local Charitable Organizations:

As of Sunday June 5th, Team Framingham 2016 runners have raised \$72,931.25 for six outstanding local charities. Fundraising will conclude on June 30th.

Our 3 year Team Framingham fundraising total now stands at \$186,279.99, with this year's total added to the 2014 total of \$54,462.35 and the 2015 total of \$58,886.39.

The standings by charity are as follows: FHS Foundation (8 runners) - \$25,968, Art beCause Breast Cancer Foundation (6 runners) - \$17,571, Callahan Senior Center (2 runners) - \$9,117.25, Resiliency for Life (2 runners) - \$7,654, Framingham History Center (2 runners) - \$7,540, and Voices Against Violence (2 runners) - \$5,081.

The standings by runner are as follows: Jon Marshall (Resiliency) - \$5,124, Deb Dauley (FHSF) - \$4,913, Amelia Campbell Matton (Callahan) - \$4,732.25, Brian Jones (FHSF) - \$4,619, Cherry Baram (Art beCause) - \$4,550, Bree Cunningham (Callahan) - \$4,385, Richard Coe (Art beCause) - \$4.125, Krysta Peplowski (FHSF) - \$3,863, Hayley Hannan (History) - \$3,837, Mary Fitterer (FHSF) - \$3,717, Meaghan Fitzpatrick (History) - \$3,703, Jerry Rubin (FHSF) - \$3,239, Lane Gordon (Art beCause) - \$2,850, Stephen Rodericks (Voices) - \$2,581, Jason Bridge (Art beCause) - \$2,535, Bob Moore (Resiliency) - \$2,530, Daniel Shim (Voices) - \$2,500, Leslie White Harvey (FHSF) - \$2,367, Mark Nickerson (Art beCause) - \$2,002, Roberto Martins (FHSF) - \$1,750, Deniz Ertirk (Art beCause) - \$1,509, and Drew Halberstadt (FHSF) - \$1,500.

The minimum fundraising requirement for each runner participating in Team Framingham is \$1,500, with an expectation that each runner will strive to raise the \$2,500 fundraising target.

All 22 Team Framingham 2016 runners met the minimum fundraising requirement as of June 6th.

Runners had until June 30, 2016 to meet their fundraising commitment. Runners who did not meet the minimum fundraising amount of \$1,500 would be ineligible to participate in the random selection for the following two Boston Marathon programs.

With fundraising set to conclude on June 30th, folks interested in learning more about our six charitable organizations or wishing to donate to our team runners and these wonderful charities can do so from the Town of Framingham web-site at the following link or at the individual runner links found below:

http://www.framinghamma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1135

Dynamic Training Program for the Runners:

Team Framingham 2016 runners and their training mentors from the Greater Framingham Running Club have held five training long runs along the hallowed Boston Marathon course during the first four months of the year.

On Sunday January 17, nearly 20 team and GFRC runners ran between 6 and 14 miles from Wellesley High School into Newton and back.

On Saturday January 30, nearly 20 team and GFRC runners ran between 10 and 17.4 miles from the Brae Burn Country Club in Newton (17.5 mile mark on the course) into Brookline and Boston and back. Many runners actually ran to the finish line in Copley Square and back.

On Saturday February 13, in 10 degree temperatures, nearly 12 team and GFRC runners ran between 8 and 16 miles from the Brae Burn Country Club in Newton (17.5 mile mark on the course) into Brookline and back.

On Saturday March 5, nearly 15 team and GFRC runners ran between 10 and 20.4 miles from the Brae Burn Country Club in Newton (17.5 mile mark on the course) into Brookline and Boston and back. Many runners ran to the finish line in Copley Square and back.

On Saturday March 26th, 18 of the 22 team runners and their GFRC mentors participated in the Charity Day long run of 21 miles from the starting line in Hopkinton to Boston College.

Team runners have also participated in a variety of road races over the past three months. February 21 - 10 miler in Foxboro. February 28 - 1/2 marathon in Hyannis. March 6 – 30K (18.6 miles) in Clinton. March 12 – 10 miler in Salem. March 19 – $\frac{1}{2}$ marathon in Ashland. April 2 – 15K (9.3 miles) in Upton.

All 22 Team Framingham 2016 runners successfully completed the Boston Marathon on Monday April 18th:

	First	BAA Bib	Net Finish
Last Name	Name	Number	Time
Baram	Cherry	28759	5:49:20
Bridge	Jason	29030	4:40:25
Coe	Richard	28292	4:13:04
Erturk-Hasdemir	Deniz	29077	5:40:52
Gordon	Lane	28269	4:41:05
Nickerson	Mark	28270	4:57:56
Dauley	Deb	28251	4:42:22
Fitterer	Mary	28760	4:38:09
Halberstadt	Andrew	28395	3:50:30
Jones	Brian	28261	4:01:43
Martins	Roberto	28706	6:59:15
Peplowski	Krysta	28290	4:58:14
Rubin	Jerome	28266	4:22:34
White Harvey	Leslie	29075	6:46:01
Matton	Amelia	28334	5:26:30
Cunningham	Bree	28268	5:17:20
Fitzpatrick	Meaghan	28345	4:08:32
Hannan	Hayley	28367	5:22:16
Marshall	Jonathan	28263	5:46:00
Moore	Bob	28369	3:48:47
Rodericks	Stephen	28289	4:53:25
Shim	Daniel	28376	5:03:20

Wrap Up:

Former Board of Selectman member and GFRC training mentor Mike Bower is very pleased with the growth of the Team Framingham program during the past three years.

"This is our third year planning and executing the Team Framingham program and it has matured greatly over that time. Our first year, there were no organized team training runs. The second year we had two team runs. This year we have had five team long runs including a 21 miler run from Hopkinton to Boston College in Newton."

"Our partnership with the Greater Framingham Running Club has been outstanding. The club members have over 1000 marathons under their belts and the members are eager to share their experiences with our Team Framingham runners."

GFRC mentors this year include Former Selectman Mike Bower, GFRC President Ed Finnegan, Past President Ed Stoll, Jenifer Feaster, Kendra Howard and Jennifer Fields. Several other GFRC runners

regularly join the team runners on the long runs...Bruce Hardy, Jeff Hattem, Margaret Eccles, Rong Hu, Judy Levine, and Cheryl Asselin.

Bower added, "Only 10 of our 22 team runners had ever run a marathon before with only 7 of those folks having run the Boston Marathon. I know I speak for all of our GFRC mentors in saying we were very excited to be part of the journey of our 22 team runners, joining them on Marathon Monday and crossing the finish line with them".

Team Runner Fundraising Links:

Art beCause	http://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausebreastcanc2/fundraiser/cherrybaram
Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausefoundation1/fundraiser/jasonbridge
Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausebreastcanc1/fundraiser/richardcoe
Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausefoundation4/fundraiser/denizerturkhasdemir
Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausefoundation/fundraiser/lanegordon
Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecause1/fundraiser/marknickerson

FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation2016/fundraiser/debdauley
FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/marysmarathonfundrai/fundraiser/maryfitterer
FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20163/fundraiser/andrewhalberstadt
FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/framinghamhighschool1/fundraiser/brianjones18
FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20164/fundraiser/robertomartins
FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20162/fundraiser/krystapeplowski
FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20161/fundraiser/jerryrubin1
FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/framinghamhighschool2

Friends of	
Callahan	https://www.crowdrise.com/ameliasbostonmaratho/fundraiser/ameliamatton
Friends of	
Callahan	https://www.crowdrise.com/friendsofthecallahan1/fundraiser/breecunningham

History Center	https://www.crowdrise.com/2016bostonmarathon2/fundraiser/meaghanfitzpatrick
History Center	https://www.crowdrise.com/2016bostonmarathon2/fundraiser/hayleyhannan

Resiliency	https://www.crowdrise.com/resiliencyforlife/fundraiser/marshallrfl
Resiliency	https://www.crowdrise.com/resiliencyforlife1/fundraiser/bobmoore2

Voices	https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/stephen-rodericks/VoicesAgainstViolence
Voices	https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/daniel-shim/bmarathon

Inquiries or questions can be sent to MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov.